

REMARKS

Subject to traverse, applicants have elected to prosecute the **Species I** of Figs. 1-7 and all claims reading thereon, namely, claims 1-7 and 9-35. Pursuant to Rule 141, applicants reserve the right to pursue claims to the additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. Presently, at least all of the independent claims 1, 22 and 30 are generic.

Reconsideration and withdrawal is requested of the requirement to elect a single species since all of the species, even though patentably distinct, are so closely related that all may be readily covered in a search of the same prior art, no significant additional work will be required for the Patent Office to also examine dependent claim 8 which reads on species III and it is in the best interest of applicants and the public to have all of the claims relating to the subject matter of this application issued in one patent.


Accordingly, for these reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement to elect a single species is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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